

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 29 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, [redacted]
Messrs. [redacted] Lloyd, [redacted] Kirkpatrick, Sheldon,

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Mr. Dulles:

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b) Noted he had seen [redacted] in New York yesterday afternoon and had been advised that [redacted] had written a series of articles on Communist China which [redacted] is forwarding to the Agency. The Director said in order to increase our knowledge of this area of the world he desired that [redacted] be advised to forward to headquarters any articles on this subject that come to their attention and in particular reports prepared as a result of visits to Communist China. ACTION: DD/P.

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c) Referred to the tense situation in Pakistan and East Bengal and asked Mr. Sheldon to consider including an item on this matter in the CIB.

d) Referred to his briefing of the National Space Committee and asked [redacted] to consider briefing the members of this Committee on project AQUATONE. The Director commented that some members have already been briefed on this subject in view of a need to know in connection with other activities.

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e) Asked Mr. Sheldon to insure that in the future items published in the CIB which are based on information obtained from the public domain, press, radio, etc., include the nature of the public source and when open sources are confirmed by classified information, this fact also be included.

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Noted he had received a request [redacted] for a situation report, to include military, political and the Warsaw talks, on the Chinese Offshore Islands allegedly for the purpose of briefing [redacted] and other senior members of [redacted] said he had discussed this matter with Mr. Sheldon and while we can provide this report

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the question had been raised as to whether [] is the proper channel. 25X1
The possibility was pointed out that [] had requested this 25X1
information in order to convince [] 25X1
[] particularly since there are strong current rumors
that [] is somewhat dissatisfied with [] and his performance. 25X1
After some discussion it was agreed [] would get in touch with Hugh 25X1
Cumming in the Department of State on this matter and determine how it
should be handled and what should be included if it is agreed to forward a
report.

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Noted that after the Director had left the luncheon given for General
Shepherd and other members of the Inter-American Defense Board, J. C.
King had given an excellent briefing on the current situation in Cuba and in
particular had brought out that Castro might very well prevail in six months
or less. [] said that for some time we had been trying to
get guidance from the Department of State as to what action if any we should
take in Cuba. However, [] has been dragging his feet. Mr.
Kirkpatrick pointed out that in his opinion Cuba could go up in smoke any
moment and with the number of followers Castro now has there would inevitably
be a blood bath of no small proportion. After some discussion it was agreed
that ONE would prepare a crash estimate on Cuba and the Director would
brief on Cuba at the NSC meeting on 30 October. Note: Col. King to notify
[] of the Director's intention to brief on Cuba at the NSC.

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